

BSTB Commander

LTC Lenard Thomas

Lt. Col. Lenard E. Thomas II, a native of Clairfield, Tennessee, attended East Tennessee State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice in 1994. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and branch detailed as a Quartermaster and Chemical Officer.

Lt. Col. Thomas' initial assignments include Battalion Chemical Officer, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment and 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment; Supply Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, Headquarters and Alpha Company, 325th Forward Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Upon promotion to captain, Lt. Col. Thomas was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as a Service Detachment Commander, Battalion S4 and Group Supply Management Officer in the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). He later served as the Group S3 Plans Officer, Headquarters, 507th Corps Support Group (Airborne) before assuming command of the 647th Quartermaster Company (AES). Lt. Col. Thomas later commanded the Johnson City (Tennessee) Recruiting Company.

In 2006, Lt. Col. Thomas was reassigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as a G4 Plans Officer and Corps Parachute Officer, Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps; Battalion S3 and Executive Officer, 188th Brigade Support Battalion, 18th Fires Brigade (Airborne). From 2009-2010, Lt. Col. Thomas deployed to Diyala Province, Iraq as the Executive Officer and later Team Leader for a Port of Entry Transition Team, based in Khanaqin, Iraq.

Upon redeployment, Lt. Col. Thomas was reassigned to Fort Bragg as a G5 Plans Officer in the 1st Theater Sustainment Command where he assisted in planning the retrograde of equipment from Iraq. In 2011, he deployed to Afghanistan to augment the ISAF CJ4 in initial retrograde planning and completed his tour as the Commander's Initiative Group OIC to the CG, 1st Theater Sustainment Command. Lt. Col. Thomas most recently served as the Logistics Operations Chief, G4, XVIII Airborne Corps.

Lt. Col. Thomas' military schooling includes the Command and General Staff College; Combined Arms and Services Staff School; Recruiting Commanders Course; Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course; Supply and Services Management Officer Course, Chemical Officer Basic Course, Aerial Delivery and

Material Officer Course, Airborne, Jumpmaster, Air Assault and Pathfinder School. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4OLC), National Defense Service Medal (2), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2), NATO (ISAF) Medal, Master Parachutist, Pathfinder, Air Assault and Rigger Badges.
